Minority Educational Institutions under reservation

1992. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States including Kerala have attended the Chief Minister's and Education Ministers' conference held at Delhi recently and requested the Central Government to bring minority educational institutions under the preview of the proposed legislation on reservation in unaided educational institutions; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's stand in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHTIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)Article 15(5) of the Constitution exempts minority educational institutions established under Article 30(1) thereof from laws for the advancement of the weaker sections in matters of admission.

Hostel buildings for school going boys and girls

1993. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of hostel Buildings for school going boys and girls constructed in the country under the Central Grant Scheme during the Tenth Five Year Plan alongwith the total amount of funds allotted, released and utilized so far for the same, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): Ministry of Human Resource Development is not implementing any scheme, which provides for grant in aid for construction of Hostel Buildings for school going boys and girls.

Streamlining entrance examination system

1994. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government propose to streanline the existing system of students being forced to write several entrance examinations

i.e. at national level, at all India level in engineering and medicine, and in State level conducted by respective State Governments for their own CET examination through designate agencies; and

(b) whether a centralized system could be evolved where students are not forced to sit for more than two entrance examinations in the same year and the dates of such examinations having an interval of at least one week?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) For admission to Engineering and some other programmes in IITs, there is a Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) at the national level. The All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) at the National level is conducted for admission to the National Institutes of Technology and certain Deemed Universities. The State Governments conduct their own CET's through designated agencies. There is no proposal presently under consideration to have a centralized system of examination.

Revival of alternative traditions of education.

1995. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has drawn up a scheme to revive and sustain alternative traditions of education that blossomed during the colonial rule;

(b) if so, the detials thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NCERT has evolved the revival of heritage schools programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Under the programme "Revival of Selected Heritage Schools in the country", National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) intends to provide academic and other support to such schools which were, *inter-alia*, founded during Indian freedom movement inspired by nationalist education and